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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

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LONDON, S.W.

June 3rd, 1911.

Dear

The P.U.S., consisting as it does of some five hundred or more families all over the world, will be celebrating its majority next year.

As our Organising Secretary goes round from place to place, either for professional visits to home schoolrooms or in spreading a knowledge of the work and getting new adherents, she is often told by parents that the value of the School would be immensely enhanced if the children could be made to feel definitely that there were many other children working with them, and if they could from time to time see the work - Nature Note books, handiwork, answers to examination questions, etc. - of other children.

In the present age of competition, it is a real relief to think of hundreds of children working quietly, without an atmosphere of emulation, and the consequent worry and excitement, being in the least necessitated; but, on the other hand, many children would greatly appreciate an opportunity of seeing what other children do.

Moreover, parents whose children are not taught by House of Education governesses find it difficult to carry out some of the delightful suggestions on the Programme, such as Scouting, Nature Rambles, Geography Walks, etc.

Taking all these matters into consideration, the Committee have come to the conclusion that it would be a delightful innovation if, instead of our sixteenth Annual Conference being arranged for parents and teachers, we should have one for the children. The locality would probably be in the South or South-East of England.

Our idea was that we should arrange Nature Walks, Geography Walks, Scouting demonstrations, etc., under guidance, for parties of children; and that there should be one or two lectures, say, on birds and on the artist who is being studied during the term. There would also be answers to examination questions, Nature Note books, and handiwork on view. And in the evenings there might be addresses for the parents and teachers, dealing especially with methods of teaching and the underlying principles of our work. We should also hope to get together a fair number of past students of the School, and have addresses on social work, etc., especially intended for grown girls.

Before entering more fully into such arrangements, we should be grateful to have answers to the following questions:-

- (1) whether you think it likely that you, your children and governess, or any of these, would be able to be present at such a Conference.
- (2) Whether you think it should be held during the Easter holidays (it would probably last three days) or at the beginning of the summer term. The educational advantages would quite compensate for the missing of regular school work.

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Dear Mrs. Knox,

The Parents' Review will already have given you notice of the Children's Gathering which is to be held at Winchester in May, and the February number will contain as programme as complete as it was when we went to press. I am sure that Margaret will be wishing that she could take a part in the proceedings, and I should be so glad if she would send a photograph of herself (quite a simple snap shot would be enough) and a little letter and on a large piece of paper "Greeting from Owalion, Central India". I am asking this of all our colonial children in order that they may be in some way represented while the Gathering is taking place. I am so anxious to bring the home children and the colonial children into touch with each other, and I also want them to understand that the P.U.S. work is being carried out not only in England but in practically every English speaking part of the world.

